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EMBASSY HAS JUST BEEN INFORMED FRENCH DELEGATION HAS THIS
MORNING WALKED OUT OF NATO PARLIAMENTARIANS CONFERENCE
IN PROTEST OVER "BRUTAL" DECISION OF US AND UK TO FURNISH
ARMS TO TUNISIA.

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GAULLIST SENATOR DEBRE MADE FIERY SPEECH ATTACKING US AND
UK AND FRENCH PRESENTED RESOLUTION OF PROTEST. AFTER
TEN MINUTE RECESS FRENCH ANNOUNCED THEY WERE WALKING OUT
IN PROTEST AND ENTIRE DELEGATION LEFT MEETING. REPRESENTA-
TIVE SEVERAL DELEGATIONS THEN SPOKE IN REGRETFUL AND
CONCILIATORY MANNER. GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSED
STANDING COMMITTEE MEET AND ASK FRENCH RETURN. SENATOR
SALTONSTALL EXPRESSED HOPE FRENCH WOULD RETURN. POINT
WAS MADE THAT DIFFICULT TO CONSULT ON MATTER CONCERNING
FRENCH IF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES NOT PRESENT.

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MEETING HAS NOW ADJOURNED TO PERMIT EFFORTS PERSUADE
FRENCH DELEGATION RETURN.

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State Dept. review completed

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